



NEW JERSEY FIELD OFFICE FIELD NOTES

October 2014



Secretary Jewell visited Cape May NWR on October 7 to tour the recent completed Hurricane Sandy project on Reeds Beach that benefits horseshoe crabs and red knots. The Secretary learned about additional Hurricane Sandy work in estuarine wetlands on Cape May NWR. Secretary Jewell completed the tour by meeting the local stakeholders, including the Mayors of Middle Township and Stone Harbor, along with several conservation organizations.





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On October 16, our Partner's program provided 450 containerized shrubs to the Hopewell Crest Middle School for a project they are doing through the American Littoral Society (ALS) and the Service. The Service provided native grass seed and wildflower seed for the project area this spring. The seeding is coming in great and the addition of the shrubs will add to the value of this area for migratory birds and pollinators. ALS is doing great things with this property to turn it into an amazing outdoor classroom!



We call this picture, "The Power of One Voice." This is a pollinator habitat project with the Dennis Township Primary School in Cape May County. Lisa Salimbene, who works at the school, read about the problems monarchs are facing and thought, "We can't let these kids grow up in a world without monarch butterflies." She contacted our Partners program, and on October 17, we helped the school build a dune. We planted it with beach plum, a fantastic pollinator plant that also provides food resources for vertebrate wildlife. The school is also managing the field for milkweed, the preferred food source for monarchs. Pictured here are Lisa and husband Skip, planting beach plums (students helped to build the mound earlier in the week).